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In re f	Patent Application of	MAIL STOP AF			
Atsus	hi Tomita) Group Art Unit: 2157			
Applic	cation No.: 09/810,489	Examiner: ABDULLAHI ELMI SALAD			
Filing	Date: March 19, 2001) Confirmation No.: 82	259		
Title:	EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND EQUIPMENT				
	AMENDMENT/REPLY TRA	NSMITTAL LETTER			
P.O. E	nissioner for Patents 3ox 1450 ndria, VA 22313-1450		Date: August 16, 2006		
Sir:	·				
Enclo	sed is a reply for the above-identified patent	application.			
	A Petition for Extension of Time is enclose	d.			
	Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the [under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are enclosed.	☐ \$ 65 ☐ \$ 130 fee pe	r Disclaimer due		
	Also enclosed is/are:				
	Small entity status is hereby claimed.				
	Applicant(s) requests continued examination the ☐ \$ 395 ☐ \$ 790 fee due under 37		14 and enclose		
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	Applicant(s) requests suspension of action, which does not exceed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c).	three months from the f	iling of this RCE,		

A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

	No additional claim fee is required.	
\boxtimes	An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown	below:

		AMENDE	D CLAIMS			
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee	
Total Claims	14	20	0	x \$ 50 (1202)	\$	0
Independent Claims	7	6	1	x \$ 200 (1201)		200
☐ If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$ 360 (1203)						0
Total Claim Amendment Fee						200
Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee						0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$	200

	Charge to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
	A check in the amount of is enclosed for the fee due.
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\boxtimes	The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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Respectfully submitted,

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METHOD

Sir:

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated May 22, 2006 (Paper No. 20060516). Please amend the above-noted application as follows:

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